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For: COLOR CHARACTER DESCRIPTION APPARATUS, COLOR
MANAGEMENT APPARATUS, IMAGE CONVERSION APPARATUS
AND COLOR CORRECTION METHOD

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a copy of the Reply After Final Under 37 CFR §1.116, including Transmittal Letter, that was filed with the US Patent and Trademark Office on August 5, 2004 in response to the Office Action date May 7, 2004.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to examine the above-identified application on the merits as soon as possible.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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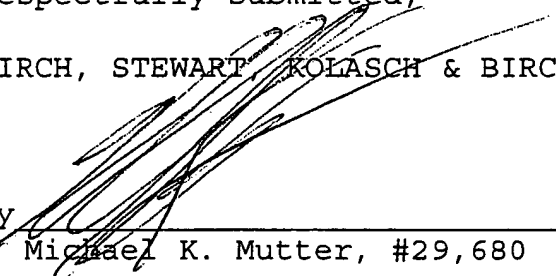
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August 5, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated May 7, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Paper includes:

REMARKS

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Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 9-16 are pending in the application, with claims 9, 15, and 16 being independent.

Interview Summary

Applicants' representative would like to thank the Examiner, Motilewa A. Good-Johnson, for the personal interview that was conducted on June 10, 2004. During the interview, Applicants' representative noted that the independent claims of the present application recite a look-up table that is composed of characteristic points that are impossible to be interpolated, and that this feature is not taught by the cited art. The Examiner agreed that *Edge et al.* does not disclose a look-up table having characteristic points.

Information Disclosure Statement

As noted in the response filed on January 26, 2004, an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying PTO-1449 Form were filed on September 4, 2001. There is still no indication that the Examiner considered the documents identified on that Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the

documents identified in that Information Disclosure Statement by initialing the PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejected claims 9-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by *Edge et al.* (US 6,362,808). This rejection is preferably traversed insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims for at least the foregoing reasons.

The independent claims are directed generally to an apparatus and method for converting image data by using a look-up table into output image data. This look-up table is composed of characteristic points that are points indicating a relationship between supplied image data and output image data that are determined to be impossible to be interpolated when a process for converting image data is performed.

As noted above, the Examiner acknowledged that *Edge et al.* does not disclose a look-up table that has characteristic points that are impossible to be interpolated. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application appears to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner is, therefore, requested to reexamine the application and pass the claims to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Martin Geissler (Reg. 51,011) at telephone number (703) 205-8000, which is located in the Washington, DC area.

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